पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) इस अधिकारी के विरुद्ध अपने पद का दुरुपयोग करने के संबंध में न तो सरकार को और न ही हिन्दुस्तान पैट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के प्रबंधकों को कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Mixing of Gandhar Gas with South Basin Gas

2476. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to mix Gandhar Gas with South Basin gas and transport the same through HBJ Pipeline for processing the same outside Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Gandhar gas is very rich in C2/C3 content and processing cost for the recovery of C2/C3 on the above gas mix will be more as compared with the processing of Gandhar gas alone ;

(d) whether it is a faot that some quantity of ethylene and propylene will be wasted if Gandhar and HBJ gases are mixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that extent of such wastage would be anything between Rs. 24 crores to Rs. 63 crores per annum; and

(f) if so, whether Government would reconsider its decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (f) At present no gas from Gandhar is being fed into the HBJ pipeline. The mode of utilisation of Gandhar gas in future would depend upon the various techno-economic parameters involved and, it would be utilised along with gas from other sources in such a manner as to optimise the use of gas.

Availability of Natural Gas in Gujarat

2477. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present availability of natural gas in the offshore of the Gujarat coast ; and

(b) what quantity of this gas is being supplied or committed to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) There are a number of gas fields in Western Offshore regions. Of these the closest to the Gujarat Coast are the Tapti fields. These fields have so far not been developed.

Natural gas from Gandhar fields

2478. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :
SHRI CHAIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government on use of gas from Gandhar fields, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the estimated availability of Natural Gas from Gandhar fields by 1990, 1995 and 1998; and

(c) what quantity is proposed to be allotted to Gujarat out of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The Government of Gujarat have submitted a memorandum on the utilisation of natural gas for various projects in Gujarat State from Gandhar gas fields and some other sources.

(b) and (c) The Gandhar Phase-I project envisaged a proccuption, potential of 1.5 MMCMD of gas which has been commited entirely in Gujarat mainly for power projects. This production potential is likely to increase in the future. The extent of inorase in production of gas in the future would depend upon the festitate economic viability of increasing this level of production.

Purchase of Woollen dress/materials by ONGC

2479. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent by each regional business centre of the Oil and Natural Gas Commtssion during the last two years for procurement and purchase of woollen dresses/materials for their employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that tenders for these purchases were opened by various Centres on different dates ;

(c) whether orders were placed on different suppliers/manufacturing units of woollen dress materials ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof including the details of manufacturing units/suppliers, price difference per metre of procurement from different suppliers ; and

(e) when such bulk purchase of the material for the employees would be undertaken next?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (e) The time and labour involved in collection of information from all the Regional Business Centres of ONGC may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

Permission to United Breweries Limited for setting up of bulk drugs plant

2480. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the United Breweries Limited has been granted permission by Government to set up bulk drugs plant in Karnataka ;

(b) If so, whether the United Breweries propose to set up this plant with any foreign collaboration ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the drugs to be manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) M/s. U.B. Ltd. has recently been granted a Letter of Intent for setting up a drug plant in Karnataka. The original application was made by M/s. United Breweries Limited who subsequen-